

PRAYER PROFILE: First Presbyterian Church of Tuscarora

Even long-time upstate New Yorkers could be forgiven for being unable to tell you how to get to the Hamlet of Tuscarora. Located about 40 miles south of Rochester and just east of Letchworth State Park, this small community is just about centered in the triangle formed by Dansville, Nunda, and Mt. Morris.

It is a beautiful area where most of the terrain is either farmland or forested hillsides. Main Street in Tuscarora is a country road that parallels scenic Keshequa creek as it flows north toward the Genesee River. This quiet, rural setting is home to the First Presbyterian Church of Tuscarora.

When asked to describe the church, Rev. Stuart Buisch said "they are a very healthy congregation." Members come from the larger villages in the area, Nunda, Mt. Morris, Sparta, Dansville, and Geneseo, as well as the surrounding countryside. Rev. Buisch shares worship leadership with his colleague Carmen Vianese, CLS. Normally Rev. Buisch preaches and provides sacraments once a month but during this time of COVID-19, he is providing sermons by email each week along with a sermon from Carmen.

The Tuscarora congregation is a hard-working group of Christians who care for themselves, their local communities, and their church building in significant ways. Over the last 25 years, they have repaired structural problems with the church steeple, added an outdoor ramp and indoor lift to make the building accessible, and have recently finished re-leading all the stained glass windows in the sanctuary.

Twice a year they put on fund-raisers in order to provide financial support to a variety of local missions. While the primary beneficiaries of this mission work are food cupboards in Dansville, Mt. Morris, and Nunda, over the years FPC Tuscarora has provided aid to Genesee Valley rotary camp, Mt. Morris & Nunda Rotary, E.A.R.S. Lifeline, Livingston County Hospice, Mt. Morris Boy Scouts, Geneseo Parish Outreach Center, neighboring fire responders, fire victims Don & Janet Wagar, Focus on the Children of Caledonia, the former Zion House for unplaced women veterans, the American Red Cross, Meals on Wheels, and Christmas boxes for America's military.

Pray for Our Friends in Tuscarora

- Pray for the neighbors the church has in the local countryside and area towns: Mount Morris, Nunda, Sparta, Leicester, Dansville and Geneseo
- Pray for the agencies that they support as they do frontline work with hunger and social concerns
- Pray for rapid recovery from separation caused by the COVID-19 pandemic
- Pray that God would continue to use the ministries of the church to reach the community for God.

Temporary Supply Pastor: Rev. Stuart Buisch

Certified Lay Speaker: Carmen F.S. Vianese, CLS

Clerk of Session: John Hall

Sunday Worship: 9:30 a.m. *when public services re-open*

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Christmas Bazaar



Summer Auction



Fundraiser Staff

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